

THE COMMONWEALTH.

AFTERNOON DAILY

SLOGAN: "EVERY ONE FOREACH OTHER AND ALL TOGETHER FOR SCOTLAND NECK."

VOLUME TWO

AFTERNOON DAILY

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1917

TELEGRAPH SERVICE

NUMBER 100

AMERICAN SOLDIERS BURIED WITH HONORS

MEN WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE Hordes of TEN TO ONE ARE LAID TO REST IN THE ALLOWED SOIL OF FRANCE.

SUSTAINED BEST TRADITIONS OF AMERICA

(By W. J. Pegler.)

With the American Army at the Front, Nov. 6—They are making ready today to bury in the hallowed soil of France the first American soldiers to fight and die to make the world safe for democracy.

Three of them died, four are wounded and thirteen are somewhere behind the German lines as a result of the first encounter, and today, every man making ready for the battle line awarded them supreme commendation that their fight be sustained as the best traditions of the American army.

The little detachment was greatly outnumbered, being approximately ten to one but fought back with all their power.

In narrow trenches, where there was no room for rifle shots the American boys fought with clubbed bayonets, trench knives and even fists.

This is the story told by the lieutenant in charge of the detachment of Americans, and who escaped by starting back to the communication trenches to get orders from his superior. He was three times knocked down, and, being put out of action, was able to witness the entire fight.

QUIET ELECTION IN VIRGINIA

(By United Press)

Richmond, Va., Nov. 6.—Lacking issues and interest, the state elections were held throughout the Old Dominion today.

The outcome—a sweeping into office of a clean democratic slate—appeared early today—more than ever cut and dried.

The dearth of any full-fledged issue; the near-certainty of the result; and the way Virginia has buckled down to the war, has left the election stranded this year. Despite the 90,000 votes cast in the Democratic primaries on August, it was predicted not more than 65,000 votes at the utmost would turn out.

Westmoreland Davis, Loudoun county farmer-lawyer, runs for the governorship. Opposing him is Thomas J. Mumey, Republican, of Big Stone Gap, whose principal campaign effort has been to seek support of ultra-dry elements on charges Davis was still faithful to his former local option principles.

Candidates for the other chief state offices are:

Lieutenant Governor: Democratic, B. F. Buchanan, of Smyth; Republican, Beverly A. Davis, of Franklin; Attorney General: Democratic, John R. Saunders, Middlesex; Republican, Henry Reid, Botetourt; Treasurer, Democratic, Charles A. Johnson, Montgomery; Republican, James McLaughlin, Lynchburg; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Democratic, Harris Hart, Roanoke;

RED CROSS CONVENTION

This afternoon at two o'clock, in the Red Cross rooms, over the Scotland Neck Bank, a hurried call meeting for every woman in town, who takes the least interest in Red Cross work, to be present to hear the report of the two lady delegates, Mesdames C. W. Albertson and Reba Shields, who represented Scotland Neck at the state convention in Raleigh last week.

The work of the Red Cross is so extensive, and the demands for help so immense that it would be impossible to begin to report all that was said and done during the two days of the state convention, but it is possible to impress upon every reader that there are none, not one, in America who are released from an obligation to do their part for the cause of humanity and suffering.

Whether it be an old man, middle age or young, even the boy, and same applies to the women and girls, there is something that each can, and must do, nor is it a question whether you believe in the war or not, the men of America are needing and the people of the most Christian land must supply that need.

The following addressed the convention, all in the same insistent spirit of work and sacrifice by the men, women and children of America, and one could not listen to the things that had been done, were being done daily, and must be done with even greater force without imbibing some of the spirit which emanated Florence Nightingale and other pioneers in the work when it was far harder to do than it is today.

Dr. Francis B. Boyer presided at the opening session on Thursday, when Dr. Guy E. Snavelly spoke upon the need for development of the southern organizations, emphasizing the fact that the Red Cross had grown marvelously, up to a present membership of five millions, which must be doubled by January 1918.

The ideal chapter said Dr. Snavelly consists of a chairman, who should be a business man; the vice-president should be a woman, as well as the recording and corresponding secretaries, while the treasurer should be a banker.

The afternoon session was addressed by Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., of Washington and Mr. Wm. Ford Upson, of Charlotte, and the evening again by Dr. Snavelly and Dr. Boyer.

(Continued on Page Eight.)

James H. Ruebush, Rockingham; Commissioner of Agriculture, Democratic, Geo. W. Koiner; Republican, B. D. Bowman, Shenandoah.

All members of the House of Delegates are to be chose.

GERMANY'S NEW PEACE PROPOSAL

(BY UNITED PRESS)

AMSTERDAM, NOV. 6.—RUMORS THAT THE CENTRAL POWERS ARE PREPARING A PROPOSAL FOR A PRELIMINARY PEACE CONFERENCE AT BERNE IS CIRCULATED ON THE BOURSE TODAY.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT GERMANY WILL SUGGEST THAT EACH BELLIGERENT SEND TWO DELEGATES TO THE MEETING.

GERMANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, IT IS ASSERTED, WILL BE PRINCE VON BULOW AND VICE CHANCELLOR HELFERICH.

FINLAND BE A REPUBLIC

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Petrograd, Nov. 6.—Full autonomy was finally agreed upon by the Russian provisional government and the Finnish representatives today.

Finland is to be a republican government with its own legislative and executive institutions, but Russia to control its relations.

MINISTER WAR IS REMOVED

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Petrograd, Nov. 5.—General Verhovsky was formally relieved of the office of minister of war and M. Germanikovsky was named minister ad interim. No explanation has been made, or cause given, for the removal of Verhovsky.

STRIKE ANOTHER GREAT BLOW

With the British Armies Afild, Nov. 6.—The first shock of another smashing blow by General Haig's forces carried the Canadian troops up the Meechele (Bellevu) into the Mozelle-mark, beyond and northwest of Passchendaele.

The location of the fresh British drive has not been definitely announced, Haig merely stating "in neighborhood of Passchendaele," which might mean that this is the eighth smash forward since September 20 in this same general sector.

London, Nov. 6.—Field Marshal Haig struck another tremendous blow at the German lines around Paschendaele ridge early today, reported in a statement from the general which says "satisfactory progress."

UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MAKE TREATY

THE "OPEN DOOR" FOR CHINA HAS BEEN DEFINITELY SETTLED BY TWO GREAT WESTERN NATIONS ON MOST SATISFACTORY BASIS.

FINAL CHECK ON GERMAN INTRIGUE

(By Robert J. Bender.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Nov. 6.—America and Japan have entered into a formal agreement reforming the open door policy of China, and recognizing Japan's "special interests" in that country.

The momentous pact, confirmed by an exchange of notes between Secretary Lansing and Viscount Ishii, of Japan, on November 2, will go down in history as one of the great developments of the world war.

In announcing the agreement Secretary Lansing plainly indicated that it would entirely remove the increasingly critical situation developing between the two countries, a situation actually threatening the friendly relations of the two great western powers.

The pact recognizes Japan's special interests in China and avows that Chinese sovereignty will not be imperilled, and further provides that there will be no discrimination against the trade of other nations; denies any intention to infringe China's territorial

integrity and affirms an "open-door" policy, avowing opposition to acquisition by any government of special privileges which would affect China's independence.

The United Press can state that the administration regards the new agreement as a great important step, binding Japan and America into a new bond of friendship and co-operation, which, until the arrival of the Ishii commission was believed to be impossible.

It may be stated semi-officially that the pact is designed as a blow at Germany's efforts to create bad feeling between Japan and the United States. It will further eliminate the 'entity of danger of an "inevitable war" preached by the Teutonic propagandists in their cries of "Japanese menace."

Peking, Nov. 6.—The foreign office has been formally advised that Secretary Lansing and Viscount Ishii, special commissioner to the United States, have signed an agreement recognizing Japan's special interests in China, and reaffirming the "open door."

ITALIAN TROOPS EVACUATE TAGLIAMENTO

FIRST LINE ITALIAN DEFENCES PENETRATED BY AUSTRIANS WHO ARE MASSING FOR CONCENTRATED DRIVE THROUGH BREACH

GERMANY CLAIMS A GENERAL RETREAT

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 6.—The municipal woodyard is a subject that is getting close to the hearts of city and town people who are already forced to pay seven dollars a cord for wood at the wood dealers' here, when bought by the cord, while the poorer classes who buy the one dollar loads are paying at the rate of about \$10 per cord—and this when the first pinch of cold weather has just started in.

The increase in price of coal is proportionately even greater, with the almost certain prospect of still higher prices as the winter advances—and the amount and character of suffering attendant such condition is somewhat to contemplate.

The situation is made worse by the fact just revealed by the Associated Charities in this town, that more than one hundred of the regular contributors to the work of that association have notified the secretary that they will not be able this winter to contribute to relieve the necessities of the local poor and temporarily unfortunate (whom we have with us always) because of the many and insistent demands for money for the various phases of "war work"—and we all know about that.

Like conditions doubtless obtain many other towns and the outlook is appalling—but it ought not to be so severe as to paralyze the activities of the town and city officials as it appears to be doing.

A "municipal woodyard," even if undertaken at this late day could be effective in meeting the demands that will surely force themselves upon us. Yet the city officials here are doing nothing, as far as known, although the matter has been urged upon them, as it has been in Greensboro, for more than a month. This city is used to municipal inefficiency, but the people will not stand for this sort of impotence always.

The news from Asheville, where a municipal woodyard has been established, is that not more than five dollars a cord will be charged there this winter—two dollars less than is already being exacted here.

A lowering of prices on meats is reported from New York this week as a result of the licensing system and other activities of the food control authorities. But, as yet, there has been no appreciable decrease in the prices of anything around these diggins. The Thanksgiving turkey is roosting higher than ever known before, and his platter on the table the 29th of this month will be reserved for Brer Rabbit and the likes 'o him in thousands of homes.

(Continued on Page Eight)

Berlin, Nov. 6.—"We have won the Tagliamento line" declared the official German statement issued at noon and the Italians are retreating between the mountains and the sea."

Rome, Nov. 6.—The Italian troops began evacuating part of the mountainous area, including the Tagliamento river line today.

"Along the Tagliamento," the war office stated "the enemy pushed forward towards the middle and lower courses, and in order to establish our line we evacuated portions of the mountain area."

London, Nov. 6.—General Cardenas first line of defence was penetrated and today masses of Austrian troops have concentrated for a drive through the breach.

Rome dispatches said that great forces of Austrians are being held five miles from Tagliamento.

These dispatches emphasized the fact that Tagliamento was not the "last line" but preliminary to the "first line" of defence, but which served its purpose in slowing up the Teuton advance.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY, DEC. 14.

North Carolina Day will be celebrated this year in the public schools of the State on December 14—the second Friday in December.

The day will be utilized for a great patriotic celebration in each public schoolhouse of the State for the stimulation of thrift, conservation, and patriotic service among the children and among all the people of the community, and for the general dissemination of information about the great State and National movements for thrift, conservation, and patriotism, and the reasons therefor, and the aims and purposes thereof. The entire program will be built around the three ideas of thrift, conservation, and patriotism. The slogan of the program will be "To make, to save, to serve." The active cooperation of all patriotic organizations of the State and county—the food conservation boards, councils of defense, the Red Cross, etc., with the educational forces in each county and school district, will be enlisted for making North Carolina Day a success.

(Continued on Page Eight.)

An exchange speaks of "most of the beef at the average man's table." That's a mistake. It ain't there.

COTTON MARKET

Owing to the elections in the State of New York this is a public holiday and all markets were closed for the entire day. Local Market 27 1/2 cents.